satellite imagery, the density of the forest cover in silent valley is as follows:

(i) Dense forest (density above 40%) is 81 Sq. kms.

(ii) Open forest (density 10% to 40%) is Nil.

(iii) Scrub (density 0 to 10%) is 3 Sq. kms.

Institute for Nursing

6264. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up more teaching Nursing institutes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to provide grants in aid and other facilities to the State Government for Nursing institutes in private and Government Sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up any teaching nursing institute in the country. However, there is a proposal for financial assistance by Central Government for the setting up of 10 Schools of Nursing during the Eighth Five Year Plan in States having more concentration of SC/ST population. During 1991-92, a sum of Rs. 65 lakhs has been provided for such assistance. The capital expenditure will have however to be borne by the State concerned.

[*Translation*]

Gurpadswami Committee on child Labour

6265. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ NO. 216 on December 27, 1989 and state that the steps taken to implement the recommendations of Gurpadswami Committee of Child Labour accepted in full/part/revised forms by the Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) Steps taken in pursuance of the accepted recommendations of the Gurupadaswami Committee on Child Labour are set out in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

(1) A child Labour Cell has been set up in the Ministry of Labour.

(2) A Central Advisory Board on Child Labour has been set up to advise Government on the measures to be taken towards progressive elimination of child labour.

(3) The child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been enacted which—

(i) prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in certain specified occupations and processes;

(ii) seeks to regulate the conditions of work/work environment of children in employments in which they are not prohibited